

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5006**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 30, 2010.

The committee on Health Care Financing to whom were referred the Bill establishing paid family leave (House, No. 124), Bill relative to nursing facility reporting (House, No. 138), Bill to assess the impact of the public welfare system on the health and well being of children (House, No. 140, changed), Bill to support the availability of residential care facilities as an affordable option for elders and persons with disabilities (House, No. 170), Bill to protect and improve emergency aid to elderly disabled and children (EAEDC) program (House, No. 171), Bill to provide coverage for hearing aids for children (House, No. 910), Bill prohibiting drug switching payments (House, No. 944), Bill relative to certain medical examinations (House, No. 946), Bill physician services provided by physician assistants (House, No. 948), Bill relating to insurance company rebates (House, No. 962), Bill relative to promoting supplemental insurance coverage (House, No. 973), Bill relative to the Health Insurance Connector Authority (House, No. 975), Bill to improve asthma management (House, No. 1028), Bill increasing the mandatory minimum bodily injury insurance requirements for commercial vehicles (House, No. 1048), Bill protecting choice in behavioral health benefits for MassHealth members (House, No. 1924), Bill improving access to rehabilitation counseling (House, No. 1926), Bill relative to inpatient admissions to psychiatric hospitals and facilities licensed by the department of mental health (House, No. 1934), Bill relative to mental health services in Massachusetts correctional institutions, houses of correction and jails (House, No. 1935, changed), Bill relative to Bridgewater State Hospital (House, No. 1936), Bill relative to juvenile mental health (House, No. 1937), Bill relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham (House, No. 1938, changed), Bill establishing a community hospital in-patient psychiatric relief program (House, No. 1940), Bill relative to the treatment of prisoners (House, No. 1947), Bill increasing public safety by increasing access to addiction treatment (House, No. 1948), Bill providing for linguistically appropriate mental health services (House, No. 1949, changed), Bill to require equitable payment from the commonwealth (House, No. 1950), Bill relative to services for persons with mental illness who are living with older family members or primary caretakers (House, No. 1951, changed), Bill relative to substance abuse treatment (House, No. 1955), Bill relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness (House, No. 1956, changed), Bill relative to mental health (House, No. 1957), Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the intake procedure of the executive

of health and human services (House, No. 1958), Bill to amend the commonwealth's drug treatment program to allow for the diversion of low level offenders under court supervision (House, No. 1962), Bill to protect patients from breakthrough seizures (House, No. 2024, changed), Bill relative to gentamycin pediatric risk notification (House, No. 2027), Bill relative to needlestick injury prevention in public health facilities and settings (House, No. 2030, changed), Bill relative to annual immunization against influenza for children (House, No. 2045, changed), Bill to establish a lupus erythematosus study and registry (House, No. 2050), Bill relative to a transfusion related acute lung injury registry (House, No. 2088), and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 188) of Christine E. Canavan and others relative to the continuation of eligibility for medical benefits for certain children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1063) of Demetrius J. Atsalis for legislation to establish a strategic investment in chronically distressed hospital program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1064) of Daniel E. Bosley and others for legislation to establish a computerized physician order entry fund within the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1065) of Daniel E. Bosley for legislation to control cost containment, transparency and efficiency in the delivery of quality health care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1066) of Michael A. Costello relative to further defining authorized providers of independent clinical laboratory services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1067) of Geraldine Creedon for legislation to establish a strategic investment in chronically distressed hospital program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1068) of James H. Fagan and Eric J. Ruby for legislation to provide additional funds for the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1069) of Christopher G. Fallon and others for legislation to regulate claims for services of patients in nursing and long-term care facilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1070) of Mark V. Falzone for legislation to mandate the reporting of executive compensation of private sector human service agencies to the Commissioner of Administration, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1071) of John P. Fresolo and Bruce E. Tarr relative to eligibility for the medical insurance reimbursement programs within the Division of Medical Assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1072) of Sean Garballey and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of home health service rate cuts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1073) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to postpone implementation of minimum health coverage requirements, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1074) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others providing for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to managed care in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1075) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a state pharmacy council to coordinate agencies in lowering prescription drug costs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1076) of Michael F. Kane relative to strategic investment in the chronically distressed hospitals program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1077) of John D. Keenan and others relative to standardizing and improving access to up-to-date eligibility and enrollment information for health care

benefits, coverage and cost sharing, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1078) of John D. Keenan and others for legislation to provide access for certain workers, including artists, for health care insurance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1079) of Kay Khan and Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation to further define adverse determinations by health insurers, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1081) of Peter J. Koutoujian and Bruce E. Tarr relative to patient health care costs for consumers without insurance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1082) of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to encourage MassHealth beneficiaries without a managed care option to enroll with a Medicaid managed care organization, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1083) of Peter J. Koutoujian and others relative to the insurance partnership program for health care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1084) of Stephen Kulik and others that the Secretary for Administration and Finance and the Secretary of Health and Human Services implement a health reform employer responsibility revenue program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Stephen Kulik for legislation to provide reimbursable health services to uninsured and underinsured patients subsequently determined eligible for care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1086) of William Lantigua that special ambulatory surgical centers licensed by the Commonwealth be qualified for participation in the Medicaid program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1087) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to establish a program of managed care to provide primary and preventive health care services for uninsured dependent and adopted youths from birth through age eighteen, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1088) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to establish a review process for proposed changes to health care provider mandates by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1090) of Michael J. Moran relative to Medicaid payment rates for services provided by health care facilities licensed to provide chronic disease hospital services to children and adolescents, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1091) of Charles A. Murphy relative to co-payments and deductibles for chronic diseases, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1092) of Vincent A. Pedone for legislation to extend patient protections to recipients of MassHealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1093) of Vincent A. Pedone relative to the negotiations of health care contracts and the approval of such contracts by the Attorney General, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1094) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to exclude certain retirement funds from countable assets of medical assistance recipients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1095) of Kathi-Anne Reinstein and others relative to creating a special commission on institutional long term care services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1096) of Michael F. Rush and others relative to primary stroke designation hospitals, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Rosemary Sandlin for legislation to establish a community hospital fund for computerized physician order, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1098) of Tom Sannicandro and others relative to the purchase of prescription drugs from Canada, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1099) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for residents of long-term care facilities,

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1100) of John W. Scibak and others relative to equitable dental reimbursement rates for services provided to publicly-aided patients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1101) of John W. Scibak and others for legislation to expand access to dental coverage, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1102) of John W. Scibak and others for legislation to establish a division of health insurance under the supervision and control of the Commissioner of Health Insurance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1103) of John W. Scibak and others relative to public notification prior to restricting MassHealth coverage, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1105) of Robert P. Spellane relative to streamlining the administrative processes for MassHealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1106) of Steven M. Walsh and others for legislation to prohibit the Health Insurance Connector Authority from instituting a requirement compelling enrollees to purchase prescription drug coverage, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1107) of Steven M. Walsh and Denise Provost relative to Health Insurance Transparency, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5006) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

HARRIETT L. STANLEY

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

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1           *Ordered*, That the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing be authorized to sit during  
2 a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of house documents numbered  
3 124, 138, 140, 170, 171, 188, 910, 944, 946, 948, 962, 973, 975, 1028, 1048, 1063, 1064, 1065,  
4 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1081,  
5 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097,  
6 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1924, 1926, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937,  
7 1938, 1940, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1962, 2024, 2027, 2030,  
8 2045, 2050 and 2088.

9           Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study  
10 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such  
11 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
12 on or before December 31, 2010.